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## Letter from J. C. Barn to Logwell Taylor, 1865, January 23

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 Jan'y 23<sup>rd</sup> / 65

Jacquell Taylor Esq  
 Baltimore

Myd

Dear Sir

I was off 18 miles  
 road when leaving home, and as I could  
 not then give you a copy of the deed  
 deferred writing until my return home -  
 Enclosed find the copy of Mr Clemens  
 deed to Father. It was so badly written  
 that it was hard for me to make it out,  
 in some instances, was entirely unable to  
 do so and thought it better to omit the  
 words entirely to any other way.

The agreement  
 with Mr Powers is in the hands of Mr Crawford.

I am sorry to find by yours of 18<sup>th</sup>  
 that you did not fully understand my  
 desires in regard to the matter - I thought I  
 stated with sufficient clearness that I  
 could not give the matter my attention and  
 as you stated the property could not be sold  
 asking you to relieve me of the responsibility  
 at the same time expressing a willingness



to do what I could to have the property  
retained for Mrs. Clemson.

Father's expectation  
was that the property could be sold - had taken  
the initiating steps to have it sold but was  
taken sick. Since his death I proposed to carry  
out his desires in relation to the property and  
am met at the outset with the opinion of  
Mrs. Clemmons Atty that the deed is not sufficient  
to authorize a sale. As Mrs. Clemmons and  
her Atty made the deed it is very probable  
they knew the power conveyed - and it is also  
very probable that Father did not or  
was ignorant of the laws of Maryland  
and was counselled by Mrs. Clemmons Atty.

Although  
the transaction is one in which I could not  
be a principal, I am willing to take Father's  
place to outside appearance, but must  
have an explicit <sup>and formal</sup> release from you as  
the Atty of Mrs. Clemmons from all responsibility.  
So matters now stand should the heirs  
pay their costs or any costs that befall the  
property in an expensive suit, at least  
so far as the loss of the property.

Yours truly and Obedtly

Yours truly

J. C. Parker

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